(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to place on the table, the copies of

(*i*) the above-mentioned petition;

(*ii*) the report or resolution of the Chundal Panchayat, if any, on the subject;

(*iii*) the reports of the Panchayat Overseer, Engineer, Director of Panchayats and connected papers the Government can collect and place showing the grievances of the ryots of the above-mentioned villages for want of the proposed opening;

(*iv*) the order of the Government on these reports;

(*c*) whether the Government be pleased to make provision for this work as early as possible?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):
(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Copies of the petition, the Panchayat resolution, the Panchayat Overseer's report and the Director's orders are appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to include it in the 1115 budget?

Dr A. R Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I cannot give a definite assurance like that. But the request of the hon'ble member will have due weight with us in deciding the future programme.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Only a small amount will have to be spent.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The matter will be considered.

SMALL-POX SHED—TEKKUMBHAGAM DESAM.

34. **Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when the new small-pox shed in the Tekkumbhagam desam was constructed;

(2) has the shed been thatched since its construction; if so, when was it thatched last;

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(3) what is the expense incurred by the Government in constructing the shed;

(4) whether any patient had resorted to it ever since its construction;

(5) excepting the building structure, what other provision have the Government made for the convenience of the patients?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (1) In 1112.

(2) Yes, in 1114 Kanni.

(3) Rs. 633.

(4) No.

(5) All the accessories, such as clothing, bedding, arrangements for feeding, etc., were ready. Servants and watchmen are engaged only when there is a patient. The materials had only to be assembled if a patient turned up.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Is there a well in the premises?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Does the building already put up contain a kitchen?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I think there must be a kitchen in a shed like that. For detailed information, it will be supplied if the hon'ble member puts the question next time or I will give it after the Council.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Since 1112, there was nobody in that shed. May I know whether it was due to unwillingness of the persons to go there, or there are no patients in the locality?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): All I can say is that no patient is admitted there. I have never visited that place and I am not in a position to tell you whether it is due to inconvenience. I propose to make a visit there very soon.

Mr. President: The construction of the shed seems to have put a stop to small-pox (*Laughter*).

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Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Was there any necessity to construct the shed when from experience, it is found that it has become useless?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): When there was an apprehension of the out-break of infectious disease, a careful Public Health Department will take adequate measures to cope with the disease. Fortunately for us the anticipation that there will be an outbreak of small-pox did not take place. But it is our duty to anticipate such occurrences and take adequate measures so as to isolate such persons and to prevent the spread of infection and it may so happen that our apprehension may or may not come to pass.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Hon'ble Minister realise the necessity of having wells and kitchens in these sheds?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Certainly I do.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Whether there are wells and kitchens in other sheds too is to be ascertained and if it is found that there are none, arrangements should be made to provide them?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I shall see that in all infectious sheds, kitchen and other arrangements are made.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I inform the Hon'ble Minister that there is no well or kitchen in the Kunnamkulam shed also?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): That will be looked into and rectified.

TEMPORARY ESTABLISHMENT—INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT.

35. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of Headmasters, Literary Teachers, Industrial Assistants who are on the temporary establishment of the Industries Department (Transferred subject);

(*b*) the period of service each has put in;

(*c*) whether the Government have any idea to make these posts permanent in the near future?

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